

## **Community Relocation Initiative An Opportunity for People in Nursing Homes**

Residents of nursing homes who would prefer to receive their long-term care at home may be interested in this opportunity. As part of his 2005-07 Biennial Budget, Governor Doyle included a proposal that would give elders and persons with physical disabilities the opportunity to relocate from nursing homes. Now people being cared for in nursing homes will have a choice -- to remain in that setting or move if their care needs can be met at home, in an apartment or in an assisted living setting. If Medicaid is currently paying for the person's stay, Medicaid may be available to provide needed help at home through Wisconsin's Community Options Program waiver, called CIP II (Community Integration Program II).

This program, provided through county government, is available to people who:

- currently reside in a nursing home
- currently have Medicaid pay for their nursing home care
- are aged 65 years or older or have a physical disability
- are determined by the county human service agency to be eligible for the Community Options Waiver (known as either COP-W or CIP II)
- have an ongoing need for long-term care services
- have resided in a nursing home for 100 days or more, or be expected to do so

For more information [contact your county human services department](#) and ask for a Community Options Relocation Assessment.

A county care manager will set an appointment to meet in the nursing home with the person interested in returning home. During the meeting the care manager will:

- assess if the person is eligible for the program
- discuss what the person's health care needs are and what they can and cannot do for themselves
- discuss the individual's preferences for the kind of help they need
- discuss personal interests and availability of family and friends
- discuss home care and residential options and preferences
- explain program policies and procedures

Based on all of this information, the care manager will help develop a plan for moving the person home with services that are satisfactory to the individual. The care manager then makes the necessary arrangements. The nursing home and care manager will coordinate with the person and their family to assist with needed transitions as the person moves. The care manager stays involved, visits periodically, and ensures that services get provided and that the person is safe and satisfied with care arrangements.

Please share this information with friends or family.